

Application No. 10/540,364  
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**Confirmation No. 3482**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached replacement drawing sheet includes changes to Figure 4b. Specifically, Figure 4b has been modified to insert reference character 10. The replacement sheet, which includes Figures 4a and 4b, replaces the original sheet including Figures 4a and 4b. Changes incorporated in this sheet are indicated in red on the attached annotated copy of the original sheet.

Attachments:        Replacement Sheet (1)  
                         Annotated Sheet (1)

**REMARKS**


This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 17, 2006, in which a shortened statutory period for reply was set for one month. The Applicant's Preliminary Amendment of June 23, 2005, was deemed to be non-compliant because the drawings were not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet", "New Sheet" or "Annotated Sheet", a replacement drawing without markings was not submitted and a complete listing of all of the claims was not present.

Accordingly, the Applicant hereby submits a complete "Listing of Claims" indicating that claims 1-19 are cancelled. The Applicant also submits a replacement sheet of Figs. 4a and 4b labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the top margin, along with an annotated sheet showing the changes to Fig. 4b and labeled "Annotated Sheet" in the top margin.

Applicant was given one month from the mailing date of the Notice, namely, until November 17, 2006 to comply. This response is within that time period.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 4a

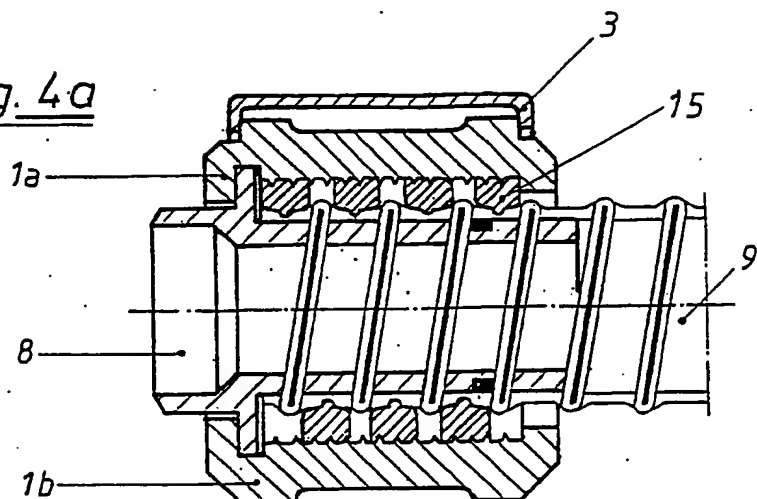


Fig. 4b

